

Synthetic Cannabinoids

AKA: SCRA's, Spice, Mamba, Man Down, fake weed

Brand Names: (pre-PSA included) Psyclone, Exodus Damnation, Pandora's Box, Annihilation, Sensate)

Chemicals include: JWH-018, AM-2201, AKB-48, 5F-AKB48, PB22, 5F-PB22, STS-135, 5F-APB, 5F-APB, APINACA, PINACA, QUPIC, 4-c-CUMYL-BINACA, 5F-ADB, 5F-MDMBPICA etc.

Popularity: not accurately recorded in CSEW as prisoners and homeless users not included in survey

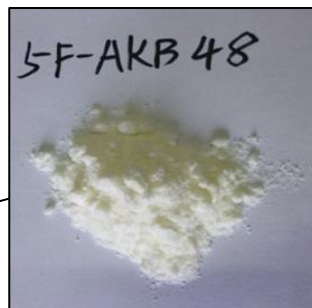
Method of Use: smoked, in pipes or with tobacco, vaped, some reports of swallowing or snorting

Duration: 30-60 mins – may be much longer and with an unpleasant comedown.

Effects:

+ve: euphoria, relaxation, sensory change, stoned feeling

-ve: nausea, panic, paranoia, muscle spasms, paralysis, dissociation, disorientation, hallucinations



Law: Most now MoDA: Class B: e.g. JWH-, AM- & HU- AKB- PB- compounds. Any exceptions covered by PSA

Cost: £5-15/g average on street; more expensive in prison

Source: imported from Asia as powder; dissolved and put in vape, on paper or on to herbal material

Indicators: altered state, smell of smoking material, possible solvent smell, possible floppy or rigid paralysis, anxiety, non-verbal, shakes, spasms

Risks: breathing problems, panic, anxiety, convulsions, paralysis, very fast heart rate, altered perception, acute MH problems, persisting psychosis nausea, vomiting, habit forming, lots of redosing, tolerance, risk of heart failure, kidney problems (?), some fatalities

Synthetic cannabinoids are chemicals dissolved b& sprayed on to inert herbal material paper or in vape. Mimic some effects of THC but have range of other poorly understood effects. Products and strength more variable since prohibition though overall use has gone down and mostly an issue in prisons & homeless settings.